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SUBJECT: FY 2006 IVLP- NOMINATION AND PART I BIODATA FOR MR.
ABDELHAQ NABAUI - PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE FOR INDIVIDUAL
PROGRAM.

REF:

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START BIO:
PREFIX: Mr.
F-NAME: Abdelhaq
M-NAME:
L-NAME: Nabaoui
SUFFIX:
POSITION-CODE: 0
PRINCIPAL?: Yes
M-ADDR1: Universite Louis Pasteur
M-ADDR2: UFR de Sciences Physiques
M-ADDR3: 3-5, rue de l'Universite
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GENDER: M
DOB: 07/15/1964
MAR-STAT: M
BIRTH-CITY: Safi
BIRTH-CNTRY: Morocco
CITIZ-CNTRY: Morocco
RES-CNTRY: France
START MEMO POSITION:
President of the Regional Council of Muslim Faith of Alsace,
since June 2003
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
Regional Representative of the Union of Muslim Organizations
of France
END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
 1998-2003 - Full time professor of physics at the University
 of Strasbourg
 END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
 START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
 None
 END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
 START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

 END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
 START MEMO EDUCATION:
 - PhD in Physical Science, University Louis Pasteur,
 Strasbourg
 END MEMO EDUCATION:
 START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

 END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
 START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
 April to October 2004 - 4 articles on the website "oumma.com"
 - "L'Incendie d'un lieu de culte Musulman"
 - "Profanation de 50 tombes Musulmanes a Strasbourg"
 - "L'Islamophobie se dechaine a Strasbourg"
 - "Inquietant climat islamophobe a Strasbourg"
 articles written after the profanation of Muslim tombs in
 Strasbourg, and the climate of phobia against Islam
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 No pork
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 START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
 Outreach to the Islamic community is a major facet of
 Mission's MPP.
 END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
 START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
 We would recommend that Abdelhaq Nabaoui meet with experts on
 Islamic integration, such as
 Jack Miles, Senior Adviser to the President of the Paul
 Getty Trust Foundation Supporting Arts and Scholarship,
 California;
 Peter Mandaville, Director, Center for Global Studies,
 George Mason University, Virginia;
 Catherine Cosman, Senior Policy Analyst, U.S. Commission on
 International Religious Freedom, Washington, D.C.;
 Yvonne Yazbeck Haddad, Professor of History of Islam and
 Christian-Muslim Relations, Georgetown University, Washington,
 D.C.
 Amir Hussain, Department of Religious Studies, California
 State University, Northridge;
 Jonathan Friedlander, Center for Near Eastern Studies, UCLA;
 UCLA;
 Mustafa Ahmed, Director, Foundation for Islamic Education,
 Villanova, Pennsylvania;
 Faheen Schuaibe, Imam, Oakland, California.

 END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
 START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

 END MEMO VIS-OBJ:
 START MEMO VIS-REC:

 END MEMO VIS-REC:
 NOMINATING-OFFICER: Christopher Davis; Genevieve Thomassin
 START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
 Abdelhaq Nabaoui has the delicate task of being the first ever
 president of the Alsace Muslim Regional Council (Conseil
 Regional du Culte Musulman, CRCM), established in 2003.
 Islamic tendencies in Alsace reflect those elsewhere in
 France, with the added feature of stronger Turkish
 representation, given the proximity to the large Turkish
 immigrant population in Germany. Nabaoui and his UOIF list
 joined forces with the Turkish Milli Gorus list to win nine of
 21 seats in the CRCM board. Nabaoui himself emerged as the
 strongest consensual candidate for president.
 With such diversity, even rivalry, among tendencies obliged to
 cohabitate in artificial constructs such as the CRCM, all is
 not sweetness and light within the CRCM. Nabaoui contends,
 however, that the cooperation within the Alsace CRCM is better
 than that at the national level (Conseil Francais du Culte
 Musulman, CFCM).
 In fact, Abdelhaq Nabaoui has won the respect of regional
 officials, regional representatives of the GOF, and academics
 for his outreach (more than 200 visits) to the Islamic
 community in Alsace, and to local and regional authorities,
 raising their awareness on issues facing local Muslim

populations. And vice versa. For example, Nabaoui was instrumental in getting the regional Muslim community to support the GOF's position on headscarf legislation during the Chesnot-Malbrunot hostage crisis, from August to December 2004. He nonetheless feels that the GOF, which created the CRCMs, is not doing enough to provide office space and accoutrements to them.

Nabaoui has assumed his responsibilities at some sacrifice, taking a cut in pay in his teaching profession of about 500 euros per month to give himself the time for his outreach activities.

Abdelhaq Nabaoui is now one of the prominent Islamic leaders in Alsace. While it is too early to tell who will emerge as president of the next CRCM after elections in June, Nabaoui should continue to be an influential moderate in the Muslim community.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: AmConGen Strasbourg, France

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HOME-HOSP?: No

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